been given liberal bank loans and insurance payments. Justice Ranganath Misra Commission of inquiry and recommended that reasonable compensation should be paid for business losses. It has been decided by the Government that instead of reasonable compensation reasonable *ex-gratia* amount should be paid for the loss of uninsured properties. The modalities are being finalized in consultation with concerned States and Delhi Administration. Question of claims and their settlement will only arise thereafter.

Decline in export of tobacco from Andhra Pradesh

1080. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a sharp decline in the export of tobacco from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the export of poor quality tobacco by some exporters from Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh has caused the decline in the export of tobacco from Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the names of such export companies and individuals and what action has been taken by Government against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) Tobacco exports from India have been declining in recent years due to several fatcors such as decline in consumption of tobacco in developed countries as a result of anti smoking measures and campaign therein. and increased production of tobacco in certain importing countires. This has also resulted in decline in exports of tobacco from Andhra Pradesh. Some claims were raised on Indian exporters from Andhra Pradesh by China for exports made during 1981-82. The claims were settled by the exporters, except for one claim which is still pending final settlement. It cannot therefore, be stated that the decline in exports is entirely attributable to such claims on Indian exporters.

Delegations sent by MPEDA

1081. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Marine Products Export Development Authority frequently sends delegations to foreign countries which also include businessmen as its members;

(b) whether it is a fact that during the last three years, no representative from Orissa has been included in the said delegations;

(c) what are the names of the persons who went abroad under the aegis of MPEDA during the last three years;

(d) whether it is a fact that some people get repeat visit to further their business interests;

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to ban repeat visits by such people through MPEDA; and

(f) what steps are being taken to broad-base the activities of MPEDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The Marine Products Export Development Authority sponsors delegations to foreign countries as and when found necessary and the composition is decided keeping in view the objective of the delegation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A statement is attached. (*See* below).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Steps being taken to broad-base the activities of MPEDA include an